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### NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Pat Meehan today announced settlement of an action brought under the False Claims Act. Carlo A. Cocco, of Malvern, is co-owner of the Cocco Brothers Company, at 2745 West Passyunk Avenue, which provides orthotics and prosthetics. According to the claim, from May 4, 2002 to April 21, 2007, Cocco Brothers placed a small piece of plastic on the heel area of a diabetic shoe insert which it supplied to correct a patient's varus/valgus (inward or outward turning of the patient's foot). That modification was improperly billed to Medicare under the code L-2275 three hundred forty four (344) times, resulting in higher reimbursement to Carlo Cocco. Mr. Cocco has agreed to pay to the United States \$ 130,000.00 to settle this matter.

The case was investigated by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General and was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Susan Dein Bricklin.

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